MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In regard to part (c) may I know who was the manager on 16-5-1111?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Mr. Raja Raja Varma.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know why the allowance was revived?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Before he was appointed as Manager, he was an Inspector of Police drawing a P. T. A. If he is not given that allowance when he is appointed as Manager, he will be a loser. So Government considered it reasonable and sanctioned it.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether Government have discontinued the payment of personal allowance from the beginning of the next year?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) Yes, they have.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know, Sir, how long this practice was in vogue prior to 3-6-1108?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It was discontinued on 3-6-1108. It was in force till then.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know when Mr. Palpu took charge as the manager of the office?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): In 1108.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know why his memorial was rejected?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): His memorial was rejected because he claimed retrospective effect to the sanction of the allowance. The total amount came to Rs. 900. Government thought that it was a big sum and so it was refused.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether, subsequent to that application, he was given that personal allowance?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No. He was not the manager he left the office.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): Did he put in the memorial only after he left the office?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Yes.

Motor Service timings.

76. ✽MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is meant by the phrase 'combined-timings' used in connection with the granting of time-sheets to various buses;

(*b*) whether it is compulsory for buses to start at all the timings granted to them; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of cases where bus-owners choose their own times of starting from a huge list they are given?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) Group of timings common to all buses.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

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MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): In answer to part (*a*), it is said that "combined timings" means group of timings common to all buses. Am I to understand that it is applicable to all buses in the State?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The timings granted to a group of buses belonging to a particular Association. There may be 20 or 30 buses in one group. It is only in respect of that group that combined timings are given.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): In part (*b*), it is stated that it is compulsory for buses to start at all the timings granted to them. Is it compulsory, Sir?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): It is compulsory only when there are passengers available. When there are no passengers, it is not compulsory.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): What is the test of having passengers? Am I to understand that there should be a full load of passengers?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No, any reasonable load.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will not the passengers be at the mercy of the bus owners?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): No.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Is the Commissioner aware that the travelling public are put to great inconvenience on account of this?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The existing system has been very convenient to the passengers.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): May I inform Government that the honourable member for Kottayam thinks that the people of Kottayam are suffering great inconvenience on account of this?

PRESIDENT: The member is furnishing information.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Sir, my experience is different.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know the basis on which combined timings are given?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): As many timings as the number of buses.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is there any provision in the Rules to see that the buses are made to run at the timings given to them?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): If they do not act according to the rules, the G. Permit will be cancelled.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know whether there is any provision for cancelling the permits of those buses as are not running in the line?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): That depends upon the merits of each individual case.

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MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Is there not a notification to the effect that the G. Permit will be cancelled if a bus does not run for two or three months ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : That notification is not in force now. It was in force till some time ago under certain conditions. Now the conditions have altered. So that notification is not in force now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Am I to understand then that that notification has been withdrawn ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : Yes.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : Was there any fresh notification to that effect ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : No. It is left to the discretion of the Police Commissioner to give effect to the notification or not. Under the existing conditions, there is no necessity to give effect to that notification.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : May I know from the member whether that notification is given effect to in the case of Triumph Syndicate buses started from Nagercoil ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : No, Sir.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the department has prescribed any minimum number of passengers for compelling a bus owner to run his bus at a particular time ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : No. That is left to the discretion of the bus owner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I ask the Police Commissioner whether it is not after ascertaining the amount of traffic on any particular line that timings are given to a bus owner ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : There is no condition precedent to the grant of timings.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : If it is on the basis of public demand and on the amount of traffic that timings are fixed, may I know why discretion is given to the bus owner to start his bus whenever he chooses ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*) : We cannot ask a bus owner to run his bus empty. When the passengers are few and the bus owner thinks that it is a loss for him, some discretion is given to him for starting the bus at the other combined timings relating to that particular bus. It is only reasonable that this kind of latitude is shown to the bus owner. It will be foolish on the part of the bus owner if he does not start service when the passengers are enough to save him from losses. It may be that some passengers may be waiting.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Is it not foolish to allow discretion to the bus owner to start his bus, seeing that a number of passengers may be waiting to travel in the intermediate stations, say, about two miles from Trivandrum Cantonment ?

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MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Some sort of discretion should be given to the bus owner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I ask the particular officer whether discretion can be given to the bus owner?

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): On a point of order. May I know whether a member can put a question to any particular officer?

PRESIDENT: He means thereby the Police Commissioner personified.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I was asking the question through the Chair to the Police Commissioner whether it would not be foolish for the Commissioner to give discretion—

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I never meant "foolish" on the part of the member.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): I did not intend that. All that I want to say was that "foolish" will be "foolishness" in regard to every person.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): What I meant was that it will be unfair to compel the bus owner to start an empty bus.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether it would not be foolish on the part of the Police Commissioner to give permission to start the bus from a particular station without ascertaining the amount of traffic and the inconvenience that may be caused to passengers at the intermediate stations?

PRESIDENT: Will the member please recast the question dropping the word "foolish". It has gone on rather too much. It is not permissible. If the member wants to convey that meaning, it would be only courteous on his part to put the question whether it would not be prudent on the part of the Police Commissioner. Now the member will please put the question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Yes, Sir. I will modify the question.

Is it not prudent on the part of the Police Commissioner to issue permit to the bus owner after ascertaining the amount of traffic on any particular line and without causing inconvenience to the passengers who may be waiting in the intermediate stations?

SADASYA TILAKAN T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Is not the question "is it not prudent" a matter of opinion?

PRESIDENT: Yes. The question has taken such a turn now. But the Police Commissioner has already told us that, in issuing permits, he certainly takes into consideation the passengers that are likely to use a particular route. It is obvious, however, the same question is being repeated in some other form.

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Timings are allowed according to the demand and necessity on a particular road. For instance, if a bus is given 10 'o' clock time and if that particular bus

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has to start empty, it is left to the discretion of the owner to avail the next time according to the combined timings given to him and take that advantage. There will be no difficulty for passengers who may be waiting in the intermediate stations. I trust the member will be satisfied with this explanation.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know the interval between the combined timings?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): In some places it may be 15 minutes or 10 minutes, or even 5 minutes. There are some places where the interval will be one hour. The interval differs with different routes.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): May I know who is the authority to issue these combined timings? Is it the Police Commissioner or the Traffic Superintendent?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): The Traffic Superintendent under the supervision and control of the Police Commissioner is authorised to issue timings.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there any rule that, if a bus does not run consecutively for one month according to the timings given to it, the G. Permit will be cancelled?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): I have already answered.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is there any notification to say that if the timings granted are not availed of for one month by any particular bus, the G. permit will be withdrawn?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Cammissioner of Police*): The same question is repeated in another form.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was that notification given effect to temporarily at least?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): Not now.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): How long was that rule in force?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): For a year or so, two years ago.

A. S. P's. and D. S. P's. in the Police Department.

77. *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of D.S. P 's. and the number of A.S. P.'s. in the State;

(*b*) the number of years of service they have put in; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any scheme under contemplation by which recruitments are made direct to the A.S. P.'s grade as in British India?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR (*Ag. Commissioner of Police*): (*a*) and (*b*). The member is referred to pages 110 to 112 of the latest edition of the *Quarterly Civil List.*

(*c*) No.

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